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SUBJECT: GRAVES OF AMERICANS IN TRIPOLI

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1. REF PARA 2 (1) REFTTEL, MFA STATES RESPONSIBLE PERSONS IN MUNICIPALITY HAVE NOT YET MADE ANY DECISIONS TO START RELOCATION CHRISTIAN GRAVES. A NEW CEMETERY SITE HAS BEEN SELECTED AT AIN ZARA, KILOMETER 8, ON THE OLD AIRPORT ROAD. A LARGE TRACT INTENDED FOR RELOCATING MOSLEM GRAVES HAS ALREADY BEEN WALLED. AN ADJACENT PLOT INTENDED FOR CHRISTIAN REBURIALS IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

2. REF PARA 2 (2). PRESENTLY THE PLANNING IS THAT TRIPOLI MUNICIPALITY WILL ASSUME ALL RELOCATION EXPENSES AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GROUNDS THEREAFTER. NO TAXES WILL BE ASSESSED.

3. REF PARA 2 (3). RELOCATING GRAVES WITHOUT LARG COOPERATION IS NOT FEASIBLE. ALL COSTS INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO THE PORHUFOR SHIPMENT, OR TO A NEW LOCATION, FOR A LARGE WOODEN CASE, WOULD BE DOLLARS
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167; FOR A SMALL WOODEN CASE (CHILD SIZE), DOLLARS 47

TO DOLLARS 94.

4. REF PARA 2 (4). GRAVE SITES ARE STILL IDENTIFIABLE
ACCORDING TO LIST PROVIDED IN JUNE 7 HOLM LETTER. ALSO
A MAP HAS BEEN PREPARED OF THE AMERICAN SECTION, PLOT 16,
FOR CONSULAR FILES.

5. COMMENT: NO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT RE RELOCATING GRAVES
HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM THE LARG, AND PROJECTION TIME
ACCORDING TO CONSENSUS OF OTHER MISSIONS FOR ACTION ON
THIS PROJECT REMAINS AS IT HAS FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS,
I.E. "SIX MONTHS". SOME SOLID INFORMATION MAY BE
DEVELOPED SOON BY THE BRITISH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION REP
WHO IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO EXTRACT FROM THE LARG, IN
PARTICULAR THE TRIPOLI MUNICIPALITY, CONCRETE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THEIR INTENTIONS.
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